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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A feeding and picking device for feeding and picking a standing agricultural crop wherein individual plants in the crop are provided with plant stalks, the device comprising a rotating feeding element that is rotated in a circle about a vertical axis and comprises a body with outwardly extending fingers, the rotating feeding element grasps plant stalks and directs the plant stalks to a picking device which separates useable parts from plant stalks, the picking device having an effective length, wherein rotating feeding element is designed to transport the plant throughout the effective length of the picking device **and further wherein the picking device is provided with an inlet, the inlet being located in front of the vertical axis of the feeding device**.

Claim 2. (Currently amended). A feeding and picking device for feeding and picking a standing agricultural crop wherein individual plants in the crop are provided with plant stalks, the device comprising a rotating feeding element that is rotated in a circle about a vertical axis and comprises a body with outwardly extending fingers, the rotating feeding element grasps plant stalks and directs the plant stalks to a picking device which separates useable parts from plant stalks, wherein the feeding device is designed to support the plant stalk while it is being processed by the picking device**, and further wherein the picking device is provided with an inlet, the inlet being located in front of the vertical axis of the feeding device**.

Claim 3. (Original) A feeding and picking device as defined by claim 1 wherein the picking device is provided with a snapping channel, the feeding device covers the snapping channel.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) A feeding and picking device as defined by claim 3 wherein gaps are formed between the outwardly extending fingers, plant stalks are captured in the gaps, the gaps are sufficiently deep to ensure that they pass over the snapping channel of the feeding element.